

Andersson re-elected WFD president

Dr. Yerker Andersson, professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work at Gallaudet, was re-elected president of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) at an international conference held in Finland recently.

More than 2,000 deaf people and researchers from 57 countries attended the WFD's 10th World Congress of the Deaf July 23-28. The congresses are held every four years as a forum for research and as a means to help build a better understanding of hearing impairment and sign language.

Finnish delegate Liisa Kauppinen was elected new general secretary of the WFD, replacing Cesare Magarotto of Italy.

Interpreters used Gestuno, an international sign system invented for meetings of the federation, as well as 27 sign languages from around the world to translate the proceedings.

The 36-year-old federation, which has 70 national association members and is a consultant organization to the United Nations, voted to increase its emphasis on helping the deaf people of developing countries.

Andersson said the WFD would seek financial support from U.N. officials later this year for direct aid to deaf people in developing countries.

He also told conference participants that labels such as deaf-mute, pre-lingually deaf and post-lingually deaf are meaningless: "In countries such as Sweden, sign language has been accepted as the first language of deaf people. Therefore, how can a young deaf child who uses sign language be labeled as pre-lingually deaf?"

The World Congress of the Deaf ended with a call for all nations to recognize the rights of deaf people.

"In agreement with the U.N. charter of human rights we ask that governments in all nations around the world ensure that there is no suppression of human rights of deaf individuals, including their choice of communication," Andersson said in a closing speech.



Yerker Andersson addresses delegates at the World Congress of the Deaf held in Finland recently, while his image is projected onto the large screen behind him.

New signers face challenge of learning to communicate

A game called "It's a Deaf, Deaf World" recently gave 60 campus newcomers a big, big introduction to acceptable communication at Gallaudet.

As part of the New Signers Program (NSP) being held July 23 to Aug. 13, the game required new students, most of whom have little or no signing skills, to obtain information from 10 campus

offices without using their voices. The participants were permitted to use only gestures, body language and whatever sign and fingerspelling ability they had.

The game, presented on the second day of the program, had a strong impact on the students, said Paul Singleton, who is coordinator of NSP along with Norma Buemi of Student Affairs.

"It was a perfect way to introduce them to various Gallaudet units and their locations on campus, as well as to our method of communicating.

"Most NSP participants are recruited from mainstream programs, have good English and are used to communicating orally," Singleton said. "The three-week crash course in signing helps ease their adjustment to campus life." Eighteen of the 60 students are from foreign countries.

"Initially, the students felt very frustrated when they realized they must

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Physical Plant employees honored at awards ceremony

Employees of Gallaudet's Physical Plant gathered in the MSSD Auditorium July 31 to receive recognition for their work during the past year.

Nine employees from the various Physical Plant areas were honored as Employee of the Year. This year's awards ceremony also included the presentation of service recognition awards.

"The entire department deserves awards," Ernest Spriggs, director of the Physical Plant, told the group.

And the entire department did receive an award from Jim Barnes, vice president for administration and business.

For the third year in a row, Barnes presented a special recognition award for special achievement in the Physical Plant during the past year. The award in previous years went to individuals, but this year Barnes presented the honor to the whole department in recognition of the work employees did in connection with University Week.

Employee of the Year awards went to Karen Lynch, environmental technician, Administrative Staff; John Dunn, project supervisor, Design and Construction; Jay Hill, finisher, Special Projects; Sandra Shell, custodian, Custodial Services; George Gateau, maintenance mechanic, Maintenance Services; Paul Segretti, finisher, Northwest Services; Jesse Milton, engineer,



Physical Plant award recipients include, seated from left, Trudy Agostinelli, Rosetta Johnson, Larry Chisohm, George Gateau, Karen Lynch and Joe Martin. Standing, from left, are Jim Barnes, Sandra Shell, Gail Levo (Support Services manager), Jay Hill, James Burgess, Bill DePhillip (Utilities Services manager), Wayne Davis (Maintenance Services manager), Larry Ott (Grounds Services manager), Edward Adegbite (Custodial Services manager); Manuel Jones and Ernest Spriggs.

Utilities Services; Joe Martin, Service Center coordinator, Support Services; and James Burgess, groundskeeper, Grounds Services.

Two men were chosen Supervisors of the Year: Larry Chisohm, supervisor of inspection and liaison with Physical Plant Administration and Ben Boland, supervisor of special projects with Design and Construction.

A 30-year service award went to Clarence Hillery, 20-year award to William Mosteller and 15-year award to

Homer Billups and Ossie Thomas. Ten-year service awards were presented to Kevin Weaver, George Sampson, Ken Massie, Regina Pradier, Jack Dunn, Roy Lee, Roscoe Means, Frank Christie, Leroy Cofield, Gary Grant and Bill Thomas.

Perfect attendance awards were given for 1986 to Frank Callahan, Jay Hill, Howard Edwards, Rosetta Johnson, Manuel Jones, Roy Lee, Henry Johnson, Dick Lee, Trudy Agostinelli, John Grigsby and Marty Willigan.

GFF awards go to 10 students

The Gallaudet Graduate Fellowship Fund (GFF) recently awarded \$34,600 to 10 hearing impaired graduate students to help them continue their studies in the 1987-88 academic year.

The students are all attending colleges and universities where hearing impaired people are a minority.

This year's recipients are Donald Bangs, dramatic arts, University of California at Berkeley; Carolyn Stern, medicine, Northwestern University; Emmanuel Ojile, educational psychology, University of Alberta; Kathleen Samuel, clinical psychology, California School of Professional Psychology; Bonnie Ryan, law, Catholic University; Mary Ann Pace, law, McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, Calif.; Stephen Baldwin, history of theatre, University of Texas, Austin; Laurie Lee Johnson, psychology, University of Minnesota; Teresa Curtin, law, New York University; and Karen Lee Christie, special education, University of Pittsburgh.

Since its beginning in 1968, the GFF has awarded more than \$400,000 to hearing impaired graduate students.

NSP students learn to sign

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master sign language, but after the first couple of days they became very enthusiastic learners," said Singleton. The Discovery Program activities also helped to reverse their frustration."

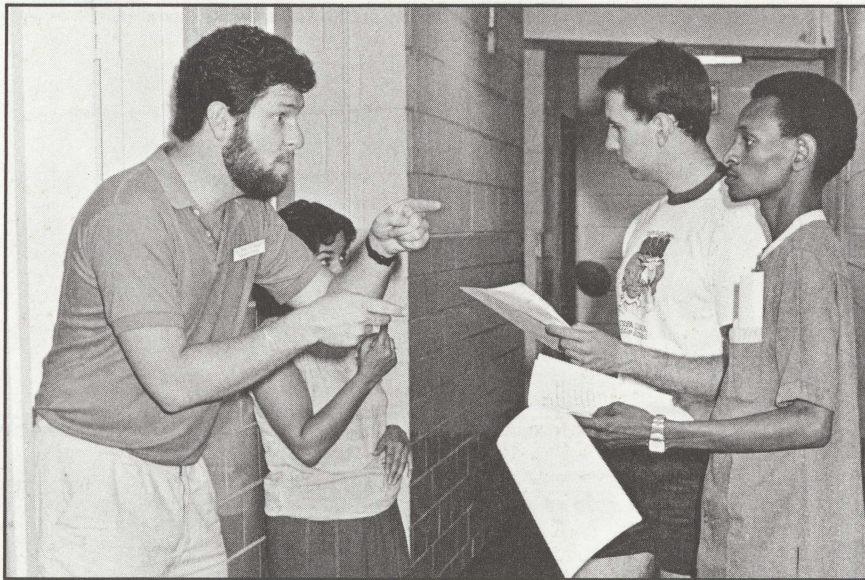
An integral part of NSP, the Discovery Program, directed by Jean Berube, provides daily outdoor recreation.

NSP students attend daily sign language classes which include information about deaf culture, Gallaudet's history and traditions and the history of deaf education. Videotapes of each student's signing skills are made at the beginning and at the end of the program to record progress.

Movies, bowling, swimming, cookouts and visits to various historical sites in the Washington area are among NSP activities. Campus units including the Counseling Center and the University Center sponsor presentations as a supplement to the program.

The staff includes six sign instructors, coordinated by Babs Riggs, MSSD sign language instructor, and six new signer student advisors coordinated by Debbie Colon.

A Parent Orientation Program (POP) is offered in conjunction with NSP. The POP sessions, held in Ely Center July 23 and 24, acquaint parents of new signers with available Gallaudet services and provide information about what their sons and daughters need as new students.



Paul Singleton, left, gives new signers the task of getting information from offices on campus without using their voices. The activity was part of the New Signers Program.

Five regional conferences planned

Gallaudet's College for Continuing Education is making plans for five regional conferences which will help professionals working with deaf college students throughout the nation.

Each conference will be under the direction of one of Gallaudet's regional centers, in conjunction with a local planning committee. Regional center directors have also enlisted the cooperation of other colleges and local groups to cosponsor the events.

The first conference in the series, to

be held Aug. 14-15 in Woodland Hills, Calif., is cosponsored by California State University at Northridge and the Greater Los Angeles Association of the Deaf. Speakers from Gallaudet include Dr. King Jordan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Jane Dillehay, associate professor of biology; Russell Olson, chair of the Government Department; and Sue Pressman, director of the Career Center.

Northern Illinois University will host the second postsecondary conference on Oct. 5-6. More than 20 speakers will present information on a variety of topics related to postsecondary education for deaf people. Speakers include Dr. Ann Davidson, dean of Preparatory Studies; Dr. Harvey Goodstein, professor of mathematics; and Dr. Thomas Allen of the Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies.

A third conference will be held Nov. 12-13 at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Speakers include Dr. Catherine Ingold, Gallaudet provost; Dr. Nancy Kensicki, chair of the English Department; and Raymond Kolander of Mathematics and Computer Sciences.

Other postsecondary conferences are being planned for February 1988 in conjunction with Tulsa Junior College, Tulsa, Okla., and for May 1988 in conjunction with the Post-Secondary Education Consortium conference in Knoxville, Tenn.

For additional information contact Dr. Roslyn Rosen, dean of the College for Continuing Education at x5351.

Auditions open for deaf actors

University Theatre at the University of Maryland will hold auditions for deaf actors and actresses to play the roles of Sarah, Orin and Lydia in "Children of a Lesser God."

Auditions for the role of Sarah will be held on Aug. 31, and auditions for the roles of Orin and Lydia will take place on Sept. 3.

Assistant director of the play will be Mary Martone, an English teacher at the Model Secondary School for the Deaf. She will be studying theater at Maryland during a sabbatical leave from MSSD.

Sign translation for the play will be prepared by Gil Eastman, professor with the Theatre Arts Department at Gallaudet. The play's director will be William Patterson, a member of the Maryland theater faculty.

Actors interested in auditioning should call Tawes Theatre at 454-2202 (V/TDD) during regular business hours to request written information. The auditions will be held on the College Park campus.

Classified Ads

FOR SWAP: Australian scout badges for those of any other country. Call Des Power, x5400.

FOR RENT: Large bedroom in shared house, 10 min. drive to Gallaudet, near Capitol Plaza, must have car, \$250/mo. Call Rich, 277-6165 (TDD) eves. or leave message at x5466.

FOR SALE: '78 Chevy Malibu, no rust, new tires, very good cond., \$1,000. Call Des Power, x5400.

WANTED: House to share or room in house w/use of amenities for nonsmoking, professional, older hearing impaired female. Call Mary, 657-2248 (TDD) days.

WANTED: Housesitting arrangement for 2 professional women w/2 cats from Aug. 14-Sept. 7. Will care for home, plants, pets (no dogs) w/TLC. Call Janeal or Donna, (301) 890-3807.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Babysitter/caregiver w/good signing skills to watch 1 deaf and 2 hearing (signing) children in our home. Will pay \$100/wk. Call Regina Bellard, 483-4765 V/TDD.

WANTED: Full-time babysitter for 4-mo.-old deaf infant effective Aug. 25. Call Jen, x5413 day/eves.

WANTED: Nonsmoker to share 2-BR condo on Capitol Hill. Mod. kitchen, microwave, W/D, CAC, fireplace, patio, cable TV, near bus and metro, rent negotiable. Call Murray, 544-3232 (TDD) anytime.

WANTED: Roommate to rent 1 bedroom in 3-BR apt. at Woodland Landing Apts. in Greenbelt, W/D, DW, CAC, pool, aerobics, weight room and more, avail. Aug. 8, \$250/mo. Call 794-7243 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: '63 Buick LeSabre, new battery, new tires, new shocks w/ warranty, \$800/BO. Call 794-7243 (TDD) after 6 p.m.

Job Openings

Some of the advertised positions may already be filled. The list below includes only new staff and faculty openings and does not represent all jobs available. To get a recorded message describing the complete list, call x5358 or x5359 (TDD).

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST: MSSD Communications

AUDIOLOGIST: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

LANGUAGE TRAINER: School of Preparatory Studies, English Language Institute

SCIENCE TEACHER: MSSD

GRAPHIC ARTIST/DESIGNER: Gallaudet University Press

Announcements

Special events services have been moved from the work control section of the Physical Plant to the Central Receiving Department. A list of services provided by this unit will be sent to the campus community within the next few weeks. Questions and/or service requests should be directed to Marty Wiligan at x3140 or Fred Kendrick at x5353.

A clinic for sick house plants will be held on Aug. 19 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

at the New Carrollton Library, 7414 Riverdale Road. The program, sponsored by the Prince George's County Cooperative Extension Service and Prince George's Memorial Library System, will be interpreted. For more information, call Programs in Adult and Community Education at x5044.

Gallaudet's softball team, part of the U.S. Senate Softball League, will play against the Senator Dixon team on Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at MSSD. Play-off games will be held Aug. 12, 13 and 15 with the championship game held on Aug. 21. Locations and times for the play-offs and championship will be announced.



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Mrs. Inez Duarte, first lady of El Salvador, talks with Gil Delgado, international development officer, during her visit to campus July 31. She was accompanied by Mrs. Ernesto Rivas, wife of El Salvador's U.S. ambassador, whose daughter is a special student at Gallaudet; Mrs. Teresa deChavez, wife of the minister for planning; and her daughter.